IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TITLE : PUMP MOTOR WITH BEARING PRELOAD

CUSTOMER NO. : 23638

APPLICANT : HARGRAVES et al.

EXAMINER: KIM, JOHN K

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2009.

Amendments to the Specification: are not being submitted at this time.

Amendments to the Drawings: are not being submitted at this time.

Amendments to the Claims: are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks: begin on page 6 of this Response.

An Appendix: containing the Declaration of Douglas Allan Curtis is attached for consideration by the Examiner and is made of record.